



INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Funding Streams Workgroup

DRAFT Meeting Minutes Summary

Date: July 10, 2014

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Kevin Bain

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Attendees:

James Betley, Jo Taylor, Stephanie Bothun, Lauron Fischer, Terry Green, Andy Goebel, Ted Maple, Kim Olesker, Krista Rivera, Andrew Cullen, Marissa Manlove, Beth Barrett, Amanda Lopez, Kyle Wehmann

Key Topics Discussed:

1. PreK Pilot: Discussion of County Readiness Statements
2. Using all of the funds for the 5 chosen counties will be a challenge
3. Counties have low capacities to serve children because there aren't enough qualified providers.
4. James will put together document to showcase all of the respondents
5. No such thing as a block grant under federal head-start program, but we will ask Governor for it (will send a formal request letter)
6. No such thing as a CCDF block grant, CCDF funds cannot be repurposed
7. CCDBG Bill S.1086: Requires states to raise standards to have less childcare and more preschool.
8. Legislators should know FSSA has addressed administrative issues and raised reimbursement rates; the percentage of CCDF providers and PTQ is going up—need to create a report.
9. Philanthropic and business sources should support wraparound services, not fund PreK slots. That should be a function of the State.
10. Kindergarten retention is a huge issue.
11. Income standards to receive assistance from State: 185% poverty aligns with free and reduced lunch and K-12.
12. Federal government grants CCDF to families for 1 year, not cliff model
13. NAEER report

Key Questions Raised:

1. Do we need to ask the legislature to expand to more than 5 counties or extend the pilot beyond 1 year so using all the funds will not be an issue?
2. What are other states doing to fund PreK slots? To help improve quality?
3. Are social impact (pay for performance) bonds suitable for statewide programs? Or smaller initiatives?
4. Are families in 127% of poverty vs. 185% really different in terms of need?
5. What about a sliding scale for income standard, 150%-185%?

Action Steps:

1. James: Send formal letter to Governor requesting a block grant under federal Head-Start program
2. Melanie: Written update on the state's ability to repurpose CCDF funds
3. Andrew: Will upload talking points specific to CCDBG Bill S.1086 to Wiggio
4. Group members to give 5 minute overview of each:
 - a. ReadyNation: Andy
 - b. Denver/Salt Lake & Economic Impact Study: Stefanie, Lauron
 - c. Philanthropic funder statewide report: Andrew, Marissa

- d. Income Standard reports: Amanda (*federal poverty level report for September meeting agenda)

5. Amanda/Kyle: Post crosswalk for PreK Development Grant to Wiggio

Next Meeting

Day: 2nd Thursday of every month. Time: 8:30-10:30 am

Location: Day Nursery, 615 Alabama Street #300, Indianapolis, IN

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